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Other matters

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Thematic debate entitled "Addressing climate change: The United Nations and the world at work"

10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	82nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
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Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [48]; Sustainable development [54]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [116]: report of the Secretary-General (A/62/644)

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 10

1. UNOMIG
2. ONUB
3. Executive session

Governmental Group of Experts to examine the feasibility, scope and draft parameters for a comprehensive, legally binding instrument establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms

First session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.. . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 6

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 6

Working Group on Reimbursement of Contingent-owned Equipment

Sub-Working Group

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.. . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 1

Sub-Working Group

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Sub-Working Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 3

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 3

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Forty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft proposal pertaining to the modalities for the first review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, convened by the Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Zhang Dan (China)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft proposal pertaining to the methods of work of the Commission, convened by the Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Ignacio Llanos (Chile)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, convened by the Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Sonja Anna Kreibich (Germany)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft proposal pertaining to the priority theme (Promoting full employment and decent work for all), will be convened by the Chairperson, H.E. Mr. Alexei Tulbure (Moldova)

5.15–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft proposal on “Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda”, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines

[*Note*: The list of side events organized on the occasion of the forty-sixth session of the Commission can be consulted at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2008/Final%20side%20events.pdf>.]

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The informal briefing (closed) by the secretariat of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on measures to increase female uniform personnel, scheduled for *today*, 13 February 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m., *has been cancelled*.

Peacebuilding Commission
Second session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Guinea-Bissau configuration will be held *today*, 13 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 13 February 2008

Bilateral contacts on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (convened by the Coordinator)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the Commission for Social Development)

9–11 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
1.15–2.30 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs)

9.30–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on financing for development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement (at the ambassadorial level)

Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Latin American and Caribbean Group

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs" (organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Wednesday, 13 February 2008

Women's International Forum on "The United Nations and Myanmar: Which way forward?" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 13 February 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-second session

Preparations for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Informal review sessions of the General Assembly on Chapter I of the Monterrey Consensus, "Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development", and Chapter II, "Mobilizing international resources for development: foreign direct investment and other private flows", to be opened by the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Thursday, 14, and Friday, 15 February 2008, in Conference Room 1.

The review sessions will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald, Permanent Representative of Norway, and H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt. Each session will include an initial panel discussion in the morning, comprising five panellists from developed and developing countries and major institutional stakeholders, followed by an intergovernmental debate in the afternoon, with the participation of all accredited stakeholders. In order to provide for a free-flowing, interactive discussion, there will be no list of speakers established in advance of the meetings. Delegations are reminded that interventions *should not exceed 5 minutes each*.

For further information, including the composition of the panels, please visit the Web site of the Financing for Development Office at <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters
Forty-ninth session

The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters will hold its forty-ninth session (closed) from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 February 2008, in Conference Room 8.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2008 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2008 substantive session from 10 March to 4 April. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 10 March 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Background information on the Special Committee is available on the following Web site <http://www.un.org/depts/dpko/lessons/>. Members of the Special Committee can access the C-34 Web site at <www.c34.unlb.org/>.

Member States not Members of the Special Committee and observers that are interested in sending observers to the session of the Special Committee should send a letter to the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee, H.E. Mr. Henri-Paul Normandin (Canada).

In accordance with resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee.

Members of the Special Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat (Ms. Maria San Agustin (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-5209; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail agustinm@un.org).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (10-11 March) will be opened on Monday, 25 February 2008. Further details on how to inscribe in the list will be provided in due course.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
2008 session

The opening of the 2008 session of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held, at the ambassadorial level, on Thursday, 14 February 2008, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda of the 307th meeting is contained in document A/AC.183/2008/L.1.

Peacebuilding Commission
Second session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Thursday, 14 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Tuesday, 19 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 2nd meeting, on Wednesday, 20 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council
Organizational session for 2008

Briefing

The Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC), Department of Economics and Social Affairs, Mr. Nikhil Seth, will hold an informal briefing on three reports of the Secretary-General for the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (annual ministerial review; coordination segment; and integrated conference follow-up), on Thursday, 21 February 2008, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Outlines of the above reports are available on the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/>. All interested delegations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Alberto Padova (tel. 1 (212) 963-4759; e-mail padova@un.org).

Commission for Social Development
Forty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, will be convened by the Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Sonja Anna Kreibich (Germany), on Thursday, 14 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft proposal on “Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda”, under agenda item 3 (c), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will take place on Thursday, 14 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

The Chairperson of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Alexei Tulbure (Moldova), will convene informal consultations (closed), on the draft proposal pertaining to the priority theme (Promoting full employment and decent work for all), under item 3 (a), on Thursday, 14 February 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Statistical Commission

Briefing

The Director of the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Paul Cheung, on the preparations for the upcoming thirty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission, on Wednesday, 20 February 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of the Permanent Missions and representatives of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Statistics Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-4849).

Thirty-ninth session

The thirty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission will be held from 26 to 29 February 2008. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 26 February, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work of the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2008/1 and E/CN.3/2008/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Lotta Tahtinen (room S-2950B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Further information on the session can be obtained at the following address: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>.

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Thursday, 14 February 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Peter Maurer (Switzerland), to present and discuss information technology support for delegates and to provide a briefing on the current Secretariat-wide ICT strategic planning process.

Commission on the Status of Women

Fifty-second session

The fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from 25 February to 7 March 2008 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document E/CN.6/2008/1. Background information in English can be obtained at the following address: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/52sess.htm>.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Vivian Pliner (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail pliner@un.org).

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the "Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women", on Monday, 25 February 2008, at 3 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Vivian Pliner (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail pliner@un.org).

List of speakers

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are kindly requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”) will begin on Monday, 25 February, in the morning, and resume on Wednesday, 27 February 2008 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.6/2008/1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed five minutes; statements made on behalf of a group of States *should not exceed ten minutes*.

[*Note*: The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-second session of the Commission can be consulted at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/52sess.htm>.]

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Fifth session

The fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 21, and Friday, 22 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on General Assembly Revitalization

Thursday, 14 February 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Ninth Inter-agency Consultative Group meeting on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Friday, 15 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

Asian Group (briefing by the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, to Member States on the issue of the impact of conflict on children)

Friday, 15 February 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Tuesday 19 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 20 February 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 21 February 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Group of Eastern European States

Wednesday, 20 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR/Olof Palme Memorial Fund negotiation workshop series: Workshop on effective negotiation in multilateral conferences

Monday, 25 February 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Tuesday, 26 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference room D; and

Wednesday, 27 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[This workshop is open to members of Permanent Missions. To apply, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/negotiation.html>. For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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2008 Institutional Investor Summit on Climate Risk (co-hosted by the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships, the United Nations Foundation and Ceres)

Thursday, 14 February 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[The meeting is closed. For further information, please contact Mr. William Kennedy, UNFIP (room DC1-1320; tel. 1 (212) 963-6438; e-mail kennedyw@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/unfip>.]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Valentine's Day flowers and chocolates: To give or not to give"

Thursday, 14 February 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sasa Gorisek, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859; e-mail gorisek@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its *Information Economy Report 2007-2008*

Friday, 22 February 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[All are invited to attend.]

Announcements

United Nations Development Fund for Women: Consultative Committee

The forty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), comprised of representatives from the Permanent Missions of Estonia (Chair), Chile, Norway, the Republic of Korea and the Sudan, will be held *today*, 13, and *tomorrow*, 14 February 2008. Delegations interested in obtaining more information about the session are kindly requested to contact their respective regional representatives.

Briefing on procedures regarding the Trust Fund established for the purpose of facilitating the preparation of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

There will be a briefing on procedures regarding the Trust Fund established for the purpose of facilitating the preparation of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, on Wednesday, 20 February, at 11 a.m. *or* Thursday, 21 February 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room of DOALOS (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Interested delegations from developing countries are invited to attend the briefing regarding the terms of reference, guidelines and rules of the Trust Fund (resolution 55/7, Annex II (A/RES/55/7)), as well as procedures related to the preparation, submission and processing of applications. To register, please contact the Division for Oceans Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3963). Seating is limited.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.html>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the Journal of the United Nations

Back issues of the Journal of the United Nations, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 12 February 2008

Security Council

5834th meeting

Children and armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict (S/2007/757)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Iceland, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, the Republic of Korea,

Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, and Ms. Ann M. Veneman, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Jo Becker, representative of Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 19 July 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2008/88), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to participate in the discussion.

The Council heard briefings by Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Ms. Ann M. Veneman and Ms. Jo Becker.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Charles Michel, Minister for Development Cooperation of Belgium, H.E. Mr. Vittorio Craxi, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy, the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United States, the Russian Federation, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Burkina Faso, China, Viet Nam, Croatia, Costa Rica and Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of France, and by the President, H.E. Mr. Samuel Lewis Navarro, Vice-President and Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Panama.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Slovenia (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with this statement), Iceland (speaking on behalf of the Nordic countries Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden), Japan and Mexico.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Rwanda, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Australia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Georgia, Chile, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Uruguay, Argentina, Guatemala, Israel, Canada and Austria.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Nepal, Uganda, Sri Lanka, El Salvador, Guinea, Iraq, Switzerland, Thailand, Afghanistan, Peru, the United Republic

of Tanzania, Egypt, Nicaragua, Qatar, Germany, Myanmar, Colombia, Liechtenstein, Bangladesh, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Rwanda.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/6).

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Thematic debate entitled "Addressing climate change: The United Nations and the world at work"

80th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/62/657 and A/62/657/Add.1) . . . . [132]

The General Assembly took note of the letter of the Secretary-General (A/62/657) concerning 15 Member States which were in arrears in their payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

The General Assembly also took note that Vanuatu had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/62/657).

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [48]*; Sustainable development* [54]*; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit* [116]*: report of the Secretary General (A/62/644)*

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. John Williams Ashe, Minister of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. The Honourable Tavau Teii, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Tuvalu; H.E. Mr. Janez Podobnik, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with this statement); H.E. Mr. Rachmat Witoelar, Minister of Environment of Indonesia and President of the United Nations Climate Change Conference; H.E. The Honourable Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Sri Lanka; H.E. Ms. Jacqueline Cramer, Minister of Environment of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Angelo Reyes, Secretary of Energy of the Philippines and Head of the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change; H.E. Mr. Maciej Nowicki, Minister of Environment of Poland; H.E. Mr. Charles Michel, Minister for Development Cooperation of Belgium; H.E. Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of France; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abdullah, Minister of Home Affairs, Housing and Environment of the Maldives; H.E. Mr. Luciano de Castro, Minister of the Coordination of Environmental Action of Mozambique; H.E. The Honourable Kwadwo Adjei-Darko, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Environment of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Diekumpuna Sita José, Minister of Urbanism and Environment of Angola; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Nihar, Minister of Environment and Urban Development of Sudan; H.E. Mr. Jean Marie Claude Germain, Minister of Environment of Haiti; H.E. The Honourable Michael Kaingu, Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources of Zambia; H.E. Mr. Lufter Xhuveli, Minister of Environment, Forests and Water Administration of Albania; and H.E. Ms. Lydia Castro, Administrator General of the National Authority of Environment of Panama.

81st plenary meeting

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [48]*; Sustainable development* [54]*; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit* [116]*: report of the Secretary General (A/62/644)*

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Abdelkbir Zahoud, State Secretary in charge of Water and the Environment of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Jan Dusik, Deputy Minister of Environment of Czech Republic; H.E. Mr. El-Sayed Ramzi Ess el-Dein Ramzi, Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs and International Cooperation of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Howard Bamsey, Deputy Secretary of Environment of Australia; H.E. The Honourable Vittorio Craxi, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Nikola Ruzinski, State Secretary of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Tran The Ngoc, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam; H.E. Mr. Rezaul Kabir, Secretary of Environment and Forests of Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries); H.E. Mr. Theodore Skylakakis, Secretary-General for International Economic Relations and Development Cooperation of Greece; H.E. Ms. Teodora Obradovic Grncarovska, State Councilor and National Coordinator on Climate Change of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and H.E. Ms. Fatima Raya Nasron, Deputy Secretary-General of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Arab States), Tonga (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum SIDS Group), Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Grenada (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Cameroon (on behalf of the African States), China, Finland, Brazil, Peru, the United States, Iceland and Mexico.

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: Emerging issues: "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda" . . . . [3 (c)]

Panel discussion on "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda"

The Commission held a panel discussion on "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda" and heard presentations by Ms. Rosangela Berman Bieler, Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute on Disability and Inclusive Development; Ms. Venus M. Ilagan, Immediate Past Chairperson and Representative for international Relations of the Disabled Peoples' International World Council; Ms. Charlotte McClain Nhlapo, World Bank, Washington, D.C.; Ms. Barbara Murray, International Labour Organization, Geneva; and Mr. Ronald Wiman, Senior Social Development Advisor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

The panel was moderated by H.E. Mr. Claude Heller, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, who also made a statement.

The Commission engaged in an interactive dialogue with the panellists, in which the representatives of Egypt, Brazil, Haiti, Indonesia, the Philippines and Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

A statement was made by the representative of Rehabilitation International, also on behalf of the International Disability Alliance (IDA), a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

The Commission began its general discussion of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Germany, Moldova, Cuba, the Republic of Korea and Mexico.

Statements were also made by the observers for Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina (on behalf of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)) and Colombia, as well as by the representative of the International Labor Organization.

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion, under agenda 3 as a whole.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

11th meeting

*Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matter*s . . . . [2]

An announcement was made by the Secretary on the conference services survey distributed to the delegations.

An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and South Africa, as well as the observers for Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union) and Switzerland.

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion on the methods of work, under agenda item 2.

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: Priority theme: promoting full employment and decent work for all . . . . [3 (a)]

Presentation on “Full employment and decent work: intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women”

A presentation was made by Ms. Manuela Tomei, Director of the Working Conditions Branch, International Labour Organization, on “Full employment and decent work: intensification to eliminate all forms of violence against women”.

The Commission engaged in an interactive dialogue with the panellist, in which the representatives of Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union), Jamaica, the Netherlands and Indonesia took part.

A statement was made by the representative of the Association of United Families International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: United Arab Emirates (12 February 2008)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Central African Republic (12 February 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroon
H.E. Mr. Martin Chungong Ayafor
Chargé d'affaires

Asian States:
Yemen
H.E. Mr. Abdullah M. Alsaidi

Eastern European States:
Slovakia
H.E. Mr. Peter Burian

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Uruguay
H.E. Mr. Elbio Rosselli

Western European and other States:
Austria
H.E. Mr. Gerhard Pfanzelter

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	Third Committee
A/C.3/62/SR.43	Meeting held on 14 November 2007, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/62/SR.44	Meeting held on 14 November 2007, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
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A/62/686–S/2008/87	Item 10 — Report of the Peacebuilding Commission — Letter dated 28 December 2007 from the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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A/AC.198/2008/1 Provisional agenda and annotations/programme of work [A C E F R S]

Security Council **Documents**

A/62/659–S/2008/39 Securing peace and development: the role of the United Nations in supporting security sector reform — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/62/685–S/2008/86 Identical letters dated 8 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/62/686–S/2008/87 Letter dated 28 December 2007 from the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/5833 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

S/PRST/2008/5 Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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on Indigenous Issues
Seventh session

E/C.19/2008/4/Add.2 Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of recommendations on the six mandated areas of the Forum and on the Millennium Development Goals — Information received from the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations — United Nations Development Fund for Women [A C E F R S]

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and Development
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E/CN.9/2008/6 Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population — Programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2007: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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